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FOR SPIERS (PM)

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SUBJECT: MAAG/ MILGP

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1. AS STATED REFTEL, I WILL BE WRITING AT LATER DATE CONCERNING SIZE AND MAKEUP OF MILGP. MY RECOMMENDATIONS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN EMPHASIS IN OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH BRAZILIANS, BUT WHICH HAVE NOT PROGRESSED TO POINT WHERE I FEEL CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO PROPOSE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DESIGNED TO MEET OUR OBJECTIVES.

2. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONE AREA UPON WHICH I CAN COMMENT WITHOUT FURTHER STUDY, I. E., THE PRESENCE OF MISSION AIRCRAFT AND CREW IN ADDITION TO AIRCRAFT FACILITY MAINTAINED BY AIR ATTACHE. IN LATTER CASE, INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONSIDERATIONS ARE SUCH AS FULLY TO WARRANT EXPENDITURES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN AIRCRAFT. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO COMPARABLE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE MILGP PLANE AND THAT ITS REMOVAL WOULD EFFECT SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS IN MONEY AND PERSONNEL WITHOUT SERIOUS DAMAGE TO EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR MILITARY PROGRAM OR TO OUR OVERALL REQUIREMENTS IN BRAZIL. MOREOVER, ITS ELIMINATION WOULD BE IN LINE WITH OUR CONTINUING CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORT TO LOWER U. S. PROFILE IN BRAZIL. TWO OFFICERS AND TWO ENLISTED MEN CONSTITUTE PRESENT CREW WHICH IN MY

JUDGMENT COULD BE REMOVED FROM STAFFING PATTERN.

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH MY RECOMMENDATIONS
IN THIS REGARD TO BE MORE FORMALIZED AND IN LESS RE-
STRICTED MESSAGE.

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